

# EXHIBIT G



Charles Brodsky, Chairman  
ABC Board  
Alcoholic Beverage Regulation Administration  
1250 U Street N.W.  
Washington, DC 20009

Re: Support for the Class CR Alcohol License application of the Big Bear Café

Chairman Brodsky,

My name is Patricia Mitchell, President of North Capitol Main Street's Board of Directors. I am writing to express the support of North Capitol Main Street, Inc. (NCMS) for the Restaurant Class C alcohol license application for the Big Bear Café. (Café)

The Café has made significant contributions to business and community development in our community as a whole, and specifically in the Bloomingdale Neighborhood, and we feel that with the opportunity to operate with an alcohol license the Café will be able to sustain its operations, grow its business and continue to serve as a stimulant for further business development within the NCMS Service area.

NCMS is a 501c(3) nonprofit organization founded in 2003 with the primary purpose of serving as a catalyst for neighborhood commercial revitalization. We are an officially designated *DC Main Streets Program*, a volunteer-driven organization with a mission of revitalizing the North Capitol Street area's historically and culturally important neighborhood commercial corridors.

We believe the Café's presence on the corridor is a direct result of the increased foot traffic, which has been a major deterrent to the drug trade and the loitering that had been a persistent, impenetrable nuisance to the neighborhood for many years and we feel that adding hours to the Café's existing operations, as it has proposed in its Restaurant Class C license application, will serve to further improve conditions.

By allowing access to its restrooms, hiring local residents to do weekly/bi-weekly trash pick-ups, and by working with civic groups to run community clean-ups, the Café has been active in addressing cleanliness issues of the area.

In addressing parking issues, the Café has been a committed activist for encouraging pedestrian and bike commuting by working with DDOT to install bike racks on 1<sup>st</sup> and R streets, (in front of the Café) working with Capitol City Bikeshare to install a public bike station at R and Florida Ave,

NW, (across from the Café) and doing other environmentally friendly outreach that enabled the Café to win the Mayor's Environmental Excellence award in 2009.

With all of this, we trust that the Big Bear Café will continue to contribute positively in our community, and will continue to serve as an example of a responsible, community-minded business for others to emulate. We, therefore, encourage the ABC Board to look favorably on this application and approve it. We have much to look forward to.

Regards.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Patricia Ellis Mitchell', followed by a long horizontal line.

Patricia Ellis Mitchell, President

# **EXHIBIT H**



Exhibit H. Permit to Build, 1891

(Form B.)

No. 992

PERMIT TO BUILD.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS.

Washington Nov 2<sup>nd</sup> 1891

*Copy*

This is to Certify, That G A Beale  
has permission to erect Reinforced concrete building on lot 1  
square 5 in accordance with application No. 992, on file  
in this office, and subject to the provisions of the Building Regulations of the District.

No 1700 to 1712 1<sup>st</sup> Extension Bloomingdale  
County

The right is reserved to examine the buildings as often as may be necessary while  
in course of erection, and order any changes in the construction that may be deemed  
requisite to insure sufficient strength, solidity and safety from fire.

All flues must be enclosed with brick walls nine inches thick or cased with terra-  
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and one-half inches thick.

By order of the Commissioners, D. C.

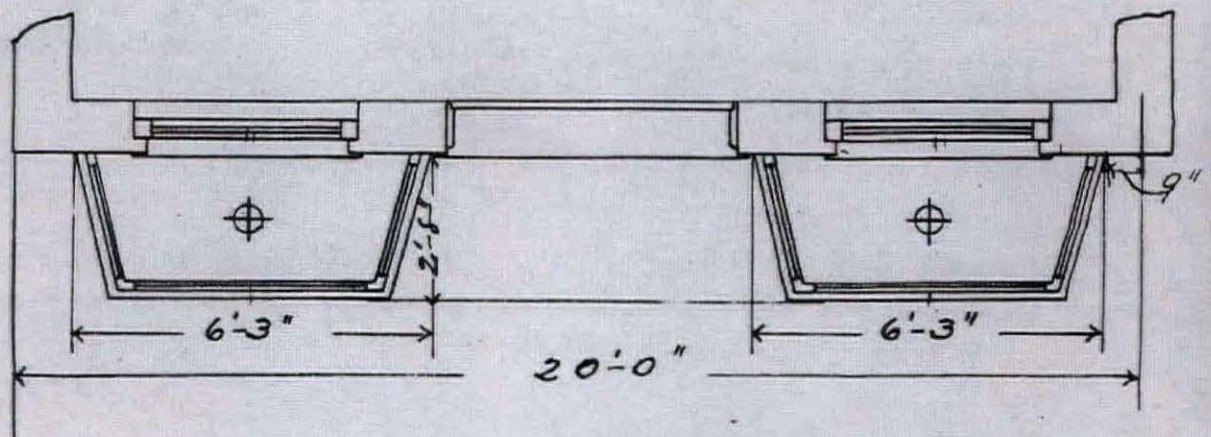
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ELEVATION.



PROJECTION PLAN.

PROPOSED SHOW WINDOWS  
to be placed  
IN FRONT OF #1700 FIRST ST.

R. STREET.

# EXHIBIT I

## **714 ED-3.2 SMALL AND LOCALLY-OWNED BUSINESSES**

714.1 Small goods and services businesses are an important part of what makes the District's neighborhood commercial areas work. They provide full and part time employment opportunities for city residents and contribute to the city's tax base. They help sustain the diversity of neighborhood shopping areas, and enable the marketplace to respond to changing business conditions and consumer preferences. It is the city's small business proprietors that have initiated many of the District's commercial revitalization efforts, driven by a desire and commitment to upgrade their businesses, properties, and neighborhoods. 714.1

714.2 Approximately 95 percent of the businesses in the District have fewer than 50 employees. While these businesses represent just 34 percent of the District's private sector jobs, they are an essential part of the city's economic base. Sectors with high numbers of small businesses include construction, wholesale trade, retail trade, and food services. In fact, the average retail business in the city has about 10 employees and the average food service business has 17 employees. 714.2

714.3 The success of small businesses in these sectors and others is particularly important in the city's economically distressed communities. Small businesses in these areas can catalyze neighborhood renewal and provide local jobs. The availability of working capital and other forms of financial and technical assistance is important to promote their success. 714.3

714.4 One of the potential downsides of revitalization is the loss of small businesses as national chains move in. This can also result in the replacement of basic services with high-end specialty shopping that is not affordable to many residents. The District recognizes that neighborhood shopping areas should evolve in response to changes in consumer tastes and preferences, but it also recognizes the importance of avoiding displacement and economic hardship for the businesses that have anchored our city's shopping areas for years. 714.4

714.5 New programs may be needed to reduce "commercial gentrification" in the future. Measures should include but not be limited to income and property tax incentives, assistance to commercial tenants seeking to purchase their buildings, commercial land trusts (which buy local commercial space and hold it in perpetuity for the benefit of the community), and relocation assistance programs for displaced business. Zoning strategies, such as limits on the size of businesses or the length of street frontage, and tying zoning relief (variances, etc.) to explicit requirements for the preservation of local serving small businesses also should be included. There are also federal programs like the HUBZone (Historically Underutilized Business Zone). 714.5

### **714.6 Policy ED-3.2.1: Small Business Retention and Growth**

Encourage the retention, development, and growth of small and minority businesses through a range of District-sponsored technical and financial assistance programs. 714.6



**714.7 Policy ED-3.2.2: Small Business Incubators**

Provide low-cost rental space (“incubators”) for small, home-grown businesses and start-up companies, particularly companies that are responsive to technological and economic innovation in the marketplace. A variety of spaces should be considered for business incubators, including vacant storefronts and surplus public buildings. 714.7

**714.8 Policy ED-3.2.3: Access to Capital**

Expand access to equity, debt capital, long-term debt financing, and small business loans for small and medium-sized businesses. These tools should be used to leverage private investment in facade improvements, new and expanded business ventures, streetscape improvements, and other outcomes that help revitalize commercial districts and generate local jobs. 714.8

**714.9 Policy ED-3.2.4: Large Business Partnerships**

Promote collaborations and partnerships between small businesses and the District’s major employers to increase contracts for small and disadvantaged businesses, including federal outsourcing contracts. 714.9

**714.10 Policy ED-3.2.5: Technology Transfer and Innovation**

Support ongoing efforts by the District’s colleges and universities to promote technology transfer and innovation, and provide technical and financial assistance to help local entrepreneurs and small businesses. These efforts should include small business “clinics” and small business course offerings at institutions of higher education. 714.10

**714.11 Policy ED-3.2.6: Commercial Displacement**

Avoid the displacement of small and local businesses due to rising real estate costs. Programs should be developed to offset the impacts of rising operating expenses on small businesses in areas of rapidly rising rents and prices. 714.11

**714.12 Policy ED-3.2.7: Assistance to Displaced Businesses**

Assist small businesses that are displaced as a result of rising land costs and rents, government action, or new development. Efforts should be made to find locations for such businesses within redeveloping areas, or on other suitable sites within the city. 714.12

**714.13 Policy ED-3.2.8: LSDBE Programs**

Expand opportunities for local, small, and disadvantaged business enterprises through city programs,

## **2017 MC-2.7 NORTH CAPITOL STREET/FLORIDA/NEW YORK AVENUE BUSINESS DISTRICT**

2017.1 The area around the North Capitol Street, New York Avenue and Florida Avenue intersections provides the commercial center for the surrounding Bloomingdale, Eckington, and Truxton Circle neighborhoods. The neighborhoods themselves are diverse in age, income, and ethnicity. They consist of a mix of row houses and small apartment buildings. Home prices in the neighborhood have tripled since 2000, and many long-time residents are feeling the pressure of gentrification. 2017.1

2017.2 The commercial district itself is in need of revitalization. Although it was designated a DC Main Street in 2000, it suffers from a lack of neighborhood-serving businesses, high vacancies, crime, and inadequate access and parking. The North Capitol frontage is particularly challenged by a myriad of confusing and often congested intersections, and crisscrossing diagonal streets and triangles making pedestrian movement difficult. The District addressed these issues in a transportation study in 2004-2005, with the goal of improving vehicle flow and improving safety. The Study explored the feasibility of reconstructing Truxton Circle (at North Capitol and Florida), and identified specific short-term and long-term transportation, streetscape, and infrastructure improvements. 2017.2

2017.3 The North Capitol commercial district is just a few blocks west of the New York Avenue Metro station and lies on the northern edge of the North-of- Massachusetts-Avenue (NOMA) district. Conditions on the corridor are likely to change dramatically as NOMA is redeveloped with offices and high-density housing. The commercial district is well situated to benefit from these changes, but first needs a strategy to address the needs of the residential community, manage traffic, upgrade the public realm, and improve public safety. 2017.3

### **2017.4 Policy MC-2.7.1: North Capitol/Florida Business District**

Upgrade the commercial district at Florida Avenue/North Capitol/New York Avenue, restoring vacant storefronts to active use and accommodating compatible neighborhood-serving infill development. 2017.4

### **2017.5 Policy MC-2.7.2: Eckington/Bloomingdale**

Protect the architectural integrity of the Eckington/Bloomingdale neighborhood, and encourage the continued restoration and improvement of the area's row houses. 2017.5

### **2017.6 Action MC-2.7.A: North Capitol Revitalization Strategy**

Prepare a Small Area Plan/Revitalization Strategy for the North Capitol/ Florida Avenue business district, including recommendations for streetscape improvements, land use and zoning changes, parking management and pedestrian safety improvements, retail development, and opportunities for new housing and public services. 2017.6

## **2008 MC-1.1 GUIDING GROWTH AND NEIGHBORHOOD CONSERVATION**

**2008.1** The following general policies and actions should guide growth and neighborhood conservation decisions in the Mid-City Planning Area. These policies and actions should be considered in tandem with those in the citywide elements of the Comprehensive Plan. Policies from existing Small Area Plans and Revitalization Studies (Georgia Avenue, Columbia Heights, Uptown, etc.) are referenced in Section MC-2 2008.1

### **2008.2 Policy MC-1.1.1: Neighborhood Conservation**

Retain and reinforce the historic character of Mid-City neighborhoods, particularly its row houses, older apartment houses, historic districts, and walkable neighborhood shopping districts. The area's rich architectural heritage and cultural history should be protected and enhanced. 2008.2

### **2008.3 Policy MC-1.1.2: Directing Growth**

Stimulate high-quality transit-oriented development around the Columbia Heights, Shaw/Howard University, and U St./African American Civil War Memorial/Cardozo Metrorail station areas, as well as along the Georgia Avenue corridor and the North Capitol Street/Florida Avenue business district. Opportunities for new mixed income housing, neighborhood retail, local-serving offices, and community services should be supported in these areas, as shown on the Comprehensive Plan Policy Map and Future Land Use Map. 2008.3

### **2008.4 Policy MC-1.1.3: Infill and Rehabilitation**

Encourage redevelopment of vacant lots and the rehabilitation of abandoned structures within the community, particularly along Georgia Avenue, Florida Avenue, 11th Street, and North Capitol Street, and in the Shaw, Bloomingdale, and Eckington communities. Infill development should be compatible in scale and character with adjacent uses. 2008.4

### **2008.5 Policy MC-1.1.4: Local Services and Small Businesses**

Protect the small businesses and essential local services that serve Mid-City. Encourage the establishment of new businesses that provide these services in areas where they are lacking, especially on the east side of the Planning Area. 2008.5

### **2008.6 Policy MC-1.1.5: Conservation of Row House Neighborhoods**

Recognize the value and importance of Mid-City's row house neighborhoods as an essential part of the fabric of the local community. Ensure that the Comprehensive Plan and zoning designations for these neighborhoods reflect the desire to retain the row house pattern. Land use controls should discourage the

# **EXHIBIT J**



## District Department of the Environment

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## 2009 Mayor's Environmental Excellence Awards

**Case Study: Big Bear Cafe, LLC***Outstanding Achievement by a Restaurant*

The Big Bear Cafe is thoroughly committed to business practices that promote sustainability. The cafe sources locally and sustainably grown produce whenever possible. The tea and coffee we sell are sourced from two companies who adhere to best practices in sustainability: Counter Culture Coffee and Rishi Tea. Their products are all natural, nearly all organic, and nearly all follow direct/fair trade practices. The milk used at the Big Bear Cafe is hormone free, produced from pastured cows at Trickling Springs Creamery in nearby Chambersburg, Pennsylvania. We receive our milk and cream deliveries in glass bottles, which we return for reuse each week. The Big Bear Cafe focuses on sustainability in small ways, too—promoting stirring spoons and whole sugar instead of throwaway stirrers and wasteful sugar packets. We do not sell bottled water, but offer glassware and filtered water for our customers to enjoy.



Resource conservation is at the heart of the Big Bear Cafe's business model. All our coffee is shade grown (grown under a canopy of at least 50 percent shade, which supports bird habitats and other ecosystem elements). Counter Culture Coffee—the roaster for all the coffee sold at Big Bear Cafe—works with farmers who eliminate waste water in a sustainable fashion, which preserves water tables and watershed. We compost all our used coffee grounds and teas each day, and we are developing an on-site composting program for all remaining kitchen waste. (The Big Bear Cafe does not produce enough waste to qualify for professional food composting.) All our compostable products—including compost-based PLA cups and utensils—are delivered to an off-site waste services facility for composting.

In spring 2008, the Big Bear Cafe was awarded a mini-grant for green development from Washington Parks & People. The award was used to install semipermeable pavers in place of asphalt to ease storm-water runoff. Our storm-water runoff management to comply closely with best practices as determined by the American Society of Landscape Architects.

The Big Bear Cafe hopes that the experience we provide for our customers conveys our interest in sustainability and best practices. As a simple gesture, the cafe maintains an organic teaching garden and offers demonstrations and guidance for planting and raising various herbs and vegetables.

To conserve energy, the Big Bear Cafe installed seven energy-efficient overhead fans to keep the cafe cool during the summer, virtually eliminating our need for air conditioning. During the winter, the fans circulate warm air, decreasing our dependence on natural gas to provide heat. The cafe installed energy-saving light bulbs in many of our light fixtures, reducing the store's carbon footprint. In addition, the cafe installed large low-emissivity (low-e) windows to retain heat during the winter and regulate the temperature during the summer and to use natural light whenever possible.



# **EXHIBIT K**

# WASHINGTON CITYPAPER

## HOUSINGCOMPLEX

### Broadband of Brothers: D.C.'s new fiber optic network will need lots of small fries to step up.

Posted by **Lydia DePillis** on Feb. 17, 2011 at 7:01 am

DC-CAN creates 10 public access nodes, for networks that could look like Bloomingdale's. (Brooke Hatfield)

Like many new things in Bloomingdale, the plan to create a neighborhood-wide free wireless Internet cloud involves Big Bear Café at 1st and R streets NW. But where the café's liquor license fight highlighted divisions within the gentrifying neighborhood, this plan began with a whiskey-fueled conversation about how to transcend them.

"A few neighbors sitting around the café saw that there was a communications gap," explains **Hugh Youngblood**, a tech entrepreneur who has since taken over café owner **Stuart Davenport's** seat on the local Advisory Neighborhood Commission. If they could at least get everyone access to a popular neighborhood e-mail list, they reasoned, that would go a long way toward filling the digital void.

The problem: Though Big Bear hosts laptop-toting hordes, many neighbors lack home Internet access. The relatively simple fix: With a few dozen routers at \$60 apiece—and access to the city's





fiber optic network—Youngblood et al could create a Wi-Fi cloud around 1st Street NW. “We just said, let’s start giving away free Internet,” Youngblood remembers.

The actual process was a bit trickier. At first, they tried to put a signal tower on top of McKinley Technical High School in nearby Eckington, but that was deemed unworkable. Then they thought they might be able to do it from Dunbar Senior High School on New Jersey Avenue NW, but security concerns led the city to offer only a tiny trickle of bandwidth—not enough for the Big Bear crew to wire a whole neighborhood.

Finally, the group gave up on city assistance, turning to a local IT company that could get them a commercial broadband subscription. They set up “gateway” routers at Big Bear and in Rustik Tavern and then started knocking on doors to ask whether homeowners wouldn’t mind hosting a free “repeater.” For a few hundred dollars in hardware and about \$800 a year for broadband, a six-block long stretch of houses now has WiFi access—for much less than the cost of individually subscribing each area household to Verizon or Comcast.

For Youngblood, wiring the neighborhood is worth it because of what he can then build on top: Through his company, Youngblood Capital Group, he hopes to develop a “smart grid” in the area that could support things like solar energy systems. “You build the network, and then you’ve got this fertile field you can grow everything in,” he says.

In the not-too-distant future, however, groups like the one in Bloomingdale may not have to pay Comcast or Verizon at all. Last year, the city received a \$17.4 million in federal stimulus money for a fiber optic network designed not for the city government but for the public at large. Such grants were sprinkled around the country as part of the Obama administration’s broadband initiative, but most are in rural areas. D.C. will be the biggest city to build its own consumer-oriented network.

The catch? The D.C. Community Access Network (DC-CAN) will be what’s called a “middle mile” network, which is just a central communications backbone. Private businesses and non-profits, from large cable companies to grassroots initiatives like Bloomingdale’s Broadband Bridge, are supposed to provide the “last mile,” which brings the Internet to consumers.

That makes DC-CAN the first meaningful opportunity to break the Comcast-Verizon duopoly that’s governed broadband communication in the District since Uncle Sam and the courts allowed big carriers to run small providers out of the market. But DC-CAN, scheduled for completion in 2013, is going to need some entrepreneurial moxie: So far, the big two haven’t expressed interest in participating, and only five relatively small companies answered the District government’s request for information on the network.



4/18/2011

## Morning Joe: Big Bear Cafe Serves Up More Than Coffee in Bloomingdale

Next up in our quest to bring you the scoop on D.C.'s independent, locally owned coffee spots, we visited Big Bear Cafe in Bloomingdale, whose newly-launched dinner, wine and beer menus, and campy movie nights offer up a great place to while away an evening in the Bloomingdale neighborhood.

By Elaine Kouroupas

Fans of caffeinated beverages with the prefixes "skinny," "sugar free" or "double white chocolate mint" would probably dismiss Bloomingdale's Big Bear Cafe as an anachronism, unfit for the quick pace and varied palates of city life. Take their milk for example: the only kind they offer is a fresh-from-the-farm, creamy-sweet whole milk from Tricking Springs Creamery (with soy milk as a sole alternative), which we are pretty sure would incite a riot at any downtown Starbucks. Situated on the corner of 1st St. and R St. NW, Big Bear is a true neighborhood gathering spot that caters to lingerers. Rather than being handed a to-go coffee in six seconds flat, patrons are encouraged to luxuriate with a newspaper and a French press.



The first business of its kind in Bloomingdale, Big Bear takes its commitment to the community seriously; even its name reflects neighborhood tradition, in which every business to occupy the space since 1910 has gone by the moniker "Big Bear." Realizing that locally sourced produce



can be scarce in the neighborhood, employees planted a teaching garden out front, where demonstrations and guidance for planting are offered. On Sundays in the spring and summer, Big Bear plays host to the Bloomingdale Farmer's Market, while on other evenings you'll find various free community events, including poetry readings, Monday "campy movie nights," art markets and more.

Big Bear's recipe for good drinks is simple: Counter Culture-brewed coffee, farm fresh milk and natural cane sugar. With carefully foamed milk and correctly made espresso, their lattes come out light, fruity and delicious. You won't find any burnt or stale coffee here: With no drip machines, each cup is carefully brewed by hand via French press. "We're minimalists here," barista Collin explains. All of their utensils and packaging are biodegradable and recyclable, which along with their sourcing of local, organic ingredients, composting, and use of energy-efficient lighting and fans has earned them the [Mayor's award for environmental excellence](#).



Coffee isn't the only feather in Big Bear's hat. All of their food is cooked from scratch by their chef, Ted, who crafts the menu with thoughtful consideration of what's in season, incorporating produce from the garden whenever possible. The dinner menu, which launched on April 5, includes seasonal, homemade dishes such as spring pea salad with

spinach, dried apricots and spiced turmeric dressing, a scallion pancake with asparagus and shaved pecorino, and their signature smoky chipotle chili. Diners can wash it down with the newly launched wine list (a well thought out selection of five bottles, hailing from France to Germany) and beers (think solid American brews such as Victory Prima Pils and Smuttynose Robust Porter)--which barista Collin assures us are some of the best priced beers in town. (Photo: [Big Bear website](#))

#### [Big Bear Cafe](#)

1700 1st Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20001

#### Hours:

Monday through Friday – 7am to 9pm

Saturday – 7:30am to 9pm

Sunday – 8:00am to 9pm

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STUART DAVEPORT AND CLEMENTINA RUSSO

# Big Bear Café

**With a farmers market out front and a scientist in the kitchen, Sunday dinners are something special.**

Sandy K. Johnson

**C**all him the culinary ambassador from Bloomingdale. Stuart Davenport is the kind of neighbor everyone should have. An eight-year resident of the eclectic Washington, D.C. neighborhood north of the Capitol, Davenport bought a scruffy corner store, complete with bulletproof glass and turnstile, and morphed it into a cozy neighborhood café. When Big Bear Café got off to a good start, he convinced neighbors to kick in \$2,000 to help set up a farmers market in front of the café and restaurant on Sundays.

Not yet content, he started family-style dinners so friends could gather on Friday nights after the café closed at 6 p.m. When Big Bear got a liquor license, nights at the restaurant became intimate candle-lit meals where a dozen and a half people could enjoy a gourmet Sunday night dinner lingering at a long communal table.

"The original idea for family dinners was more about community," Davenport told *Flavor*. "It's an excuse for people to come together."

A recent Sunday featured spaghetti fragrant with cremini mushrooms and brightened with mint and lemon; a ricotta frittata speckled green with spinach; tender roasted chicken perfumed with rosemary and garlic; a selection of three cheeses with glazed pecans; and a spicy hazelnut cake.

What makes the BBC unique is its devotion to buying locally. So the mushrooms came from Pennsylvania, the chicken came from D.C.'s historic Eastern Market, the eggs and greens from nearby farmers, and the cheese from local vendors. Just as Davenport has created a community within his neighborhood, his café has created a kinship with farmers and food artisans whose products are fresh from the earth and the kitchen.

His talented head chef, Clementina Russo, learned cooking in the Italian kitchens of her childhood. "I think that anyone who has a relationship with a kitchen has likely developed that relationship at a young age, with mom or grandma," she says.

Thus, the perfectly prepared pasta, which Russo calls "Sicily in a bowl." She relishes the challenge of creating dishes out of ingredients of the season. "I don't have a concept. I make a menu of things that are available. When it changes, my menu will change," Russo says.

So when a farmer came in with a bag full of sweet potato greens, Russo tasted one and pronounced it delicious. How many ways can a chef prepare sweet potato greens? For Russo, the possibilities are many: you can eat it raw in a salad, sauté it, steam it, puree it, put it in soup, make a gratin, or make a pesto. Diners can find that variety in every visit to Big Bear Café, a reminder to city dwellers that the best food comes from farms, not the agricultural-industrial complex.

From May to November, the farmers market Davenport helped bloom is held every Sunday in front of the café. Vendors for the Bloomingdale Farmers Market bring fresh produce, meat and poultry, gelato, cheese, pasta, and baked goods, further cementing the bond between this inner-city community, the café, and local producers. At day's end, the café buys what's left over from the



market to create fresh menu challenges for Russo, who has a doctorate in physics. For BBC diners, she is a serendipitous meld of science and food.

There is no typical BBC menu, so check the website for offerings. Russo might create a split pea stew with garlic-rosemary infused oil, a fennel and pea shoot frittata with greens, or a peasant's purse of mushrooms, dandelion greens, brown rice, toasted walnuts, fried egg, and pecorino. She splits chef's duties with Neil Negri, whose creations often have a Korean vibe. Recent dishes: spicy eggplant with rainbow carrots, crispy basil and jasmine rice, and a soba noodle soup with beech mushrooms, Asian greens, and pork belly.

The ingredients come from farms all over the region: Tuscarora Organic Co-op, Painted Hand Farms, Groffs, Truck Patch, and more. Russo has developed a particularly close relationship with Kristin Carbone of Radix Farm in Maryland, which sets aside a section to grow produce that the chef requests. "They're a great team," Davenport says.

Davenport developed his passion for farm-to-table cuisine at Woodberry Kitchen in Baltimore, learning to bake and run a kitchen there while he was getting his own café off the ground.

Big Bear Café is open for breakfast, lunch, and dinner. Its beverage service runs the gamut from Counter Culture coffee (with artistic hearts coaxed out of the frothed milk) to cocktails

like The Muckraker, a fusion of tequila, tart cherry juice, and ginger beer. Poetry readings and open-mic comedy nights are another draw.

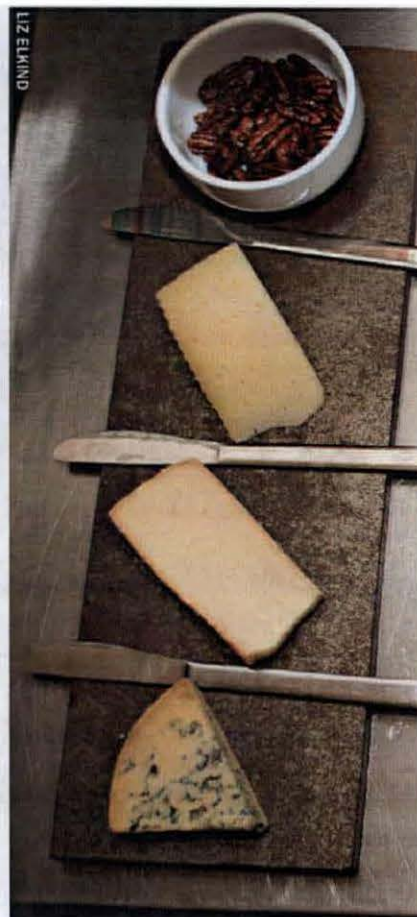
The family dinners run \$45 to \$60, including a glass of wine selected specially for the menu. The reservation-only dinners have three to five courses, showcasing Big Bear Café's culinary philosophy: "to offer high quality foods, prepared with care, for great company, in great ambiance."

## Big Bear Café

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**Sandy Johnson** is a veteran journalist who was raised on a farm and now grows her own vegetables in an Alexandria community garden. Formerly the Washington bureau chief for the Associated Press, Johnson was recognized as a Pulitzer finalist because she refused to allow the AP to call a winner in the 2000 presidential race on election night, despite intense pressure. AP was the only major news outlet that did not have to reverse its call.

THE SUNDAY DINNER CHEESE PLATE: CAPPUCINO AT BIG BEAR; SUNDAY DINNER IS A ROTATING MENU OF RUSSO FAMILY RECIPES, FEATURING WHAT'S FRESH FROM THE FARMERS MARKET OUT FRONT.





# EXHIBIT L

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## Letter of Support for Big Bear Cafe

For the 1700 1<sup>st</sup> Street, NW  
Zoning Map Amendment Application

To Whom It May Concern:

I have signed this petition in support of the zoning application for 1700 1<sup>st</sup> Street, NW (the "building") because I believe such a light-commercial/mixed use at this location significantly benefits the local community. I believe the commercial use at this location naturally conforms and contributes to the surrounding urban landscape, and offers vibrancy that helps to positively shape the neighborhood's identity.

I understand that the current use of the building exists as a non-conforming commercial/mixed-use as a restaurant/café/market, and a residence on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor. This building has been a commercial/mixed-use building since it was built over 100 years ago, and it was built with the physical features of a commercial building clearly expressing its intent. With the approval of a zoning map amendment application the Building will be rezoned to reflect its light commercial/mixed-use character.

Also, with the approval of a map amendment zoning change the legitimacy of the Building's non-conforming Certificate of Occupancy, the restaurant license for the Big Bear Cafe, the Sidewalk Café permit, and the Class C Alcohol license for the Café can no longer be put into question.

We urge your favorable consideration of this application, and we believe in the positive contribution the Big Bear continues to make in our community.

Thank you very much-

Name	Address	How do you normally get to the BBC? (bike / drive / walk)
1. Colin McDonough	1704 First St NW	walk
2. Marcey O'Callaghan	1169 Highland Park NE	bike
3. Sean Pomeroy	2537 R. St NW	walk
4. Alex Bea	2727 29 <sup>th</sup> St NW	walk/bike
5. Meg Doherty	68 W St NW	walk
6. Liz Drew	402 Waverly NW	walk
7. Louis Duncan Teater	1545 3rd St NW	walk
8. Lily Stiff	529 Quincy NW	metro

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To Whom It May Concern:

I have signed this petition because I support the Map Amendment Zoning Change for 1700 1<sup>st</sup> Street, NW (the "Building") which is the location of the Big Bear Café (the "BBC"). Such a zoning change will allow the Building to exist with a conforming as a part of the Florida Avenue Commercial Corridor.

The current use of the Building as a Restaurant (which conforms to a light commercial/mixed use zone) is not only a significant benefit to the local community, it also naturally conforms and contributes to the surrounding urban landscape offering it a necessary vibrancy that helps to positively shape the neighborhood's identity.

I understand that this Building has been a commercial building since it was built over 100 years ago, and such a Map Amendment Zoning change will rightfully allow the Building to be recognized as a light commercial/mixed use building.

Such a Map Amendment Zoning Change will allow the Café to exist with full legal recognition and allow its Certificate of Occupancy, restaurant license, Sidewalk Café permit, and Class C Alcohol license to unquestionably conform to DC Law.

We urge your favorable consideration of this application, and we believe in the positive contribution the Big Bear continues to make in our community.

Thank you very much-

	Name	Address	How do you normally get to the BBC? (bike / drive / walk)
	Stu Davenport	1710 1 <sup>st</sup> Street NW	Bike
10.	THOMAS WALKER	1719 1 <sup>ST</sup> STREET NW	WALK
11.	CHRISTY BAWERT	30 R. ST. NW	WALK
12.	Daniel Brindis	1629 IRVING ST NW	Bike
13.	Clara McQueen	49 R. ST. NE	WALK/BIKE
14.	Christina Harold	116 V ST NW	walk/bike
15.	Alex Ventura	55 U ST NW	walk!



	ROBERT RODWISAKIS	120 SEPTON AVE NW	WALK
	Robusto	322 T St NW	WALK
	Laura Hill	1831 Lamont St	bike/drive
	Matt Brennan	1202 Euclid St NW	bike
	Loretta A. Risch	226 Rhode Island Ave NW	WALK
	Amanda G. Henry	40 Porter St NE	WALK
21.	KELLY CENDREDA	222 FLORIDA AVE NW	WALK
22.	Maren Truchmann	1719 1st St NW	WALK
23.	Pierre-Louis BAZIN	40 Porter St NE	WALK
24.	Mark Keeler	222 Florida Ave NW	WALK/Bike
25.	Maggie Risch	226 Rhode Island Ave NW	WALK
26.	Jessica Quaresima	40 V. St. N.W.	WALK
27.	Alice Lindauer	1903 3rd St NW	WALK/Bike
28.	E. Sam	34 Randolph Pl NW	WALK
29.	Anthony Skipt	29 R St NW	WALK
30.	Kyrie Conn	108 Michigan Ave NE	Bike
31.	Kyle Poxl	342 Adams St NE	Bike
32.	Collin CROWE	61 P St NW	CAC/Bike/WALK
33.	Peter Radolph	2009 Bates St NW	WALK
34.	Lidia Lawless	209 Bates St NW	WALK
35.	Carrie Roberts	79 V St NW	WALK/dr
36.	Andrew Whight	70 V St NW	WALK/dr
37.	Joe Lynch		
38.	Lee Ann Tyjli	2817 H St NW	Drive
39.	Jennifer Overall	1524 5th Street NW	WALK
40.	ANDREW BRANZINGEN	117 ST NE	WALK
41.	Lynn McDonald	67 E St NW	WALK
42.	Paula Zimmerman	70 U St NW	WALK
43.	Story Trejo	70 U St NW	WALK
44.	Walt Jones	2000 1st St NW	WALK
45.	Mark rainbow Trejo	70 U St NW	stroller/dr
46.	FREDDY TREJO	70 U St NW	WALKIE
47.	Gabby Boyer	1813 1st NW	WALK
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49	Jonathan Becker	66 Rhode Island Ave NW	walk
50	Dinah Cho	1722 1 <sup>st</sup> St NW	walk
51	Kenneth Culotta	3000 7th St NE	drive/walk
52	Brian Holcomb	37 2 <sup>nd</sup> St NW	walk
53	Allison Scogin	37 2 <sup>nd</sup> St NW	walk
54	Jeffrey Meiser	1722 1 <sup>st</sup> St NW #1	walk
55	Thomas Collier	1548 New Jersey Ave NW	walk
56	Ther Allen	1423 1 <sup>st</sup> St NW	walk

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	Alburt Mears R St NW	walk
	Chal Sea Lehman 930 M St NW	Bike
51.	Jennifer Abisoni 23 S St NW	walk
52.	Jorge Meyer 113 R St NW	walk
53.	Alan Picklett 1338 O St NW	walk
54.	Christina Nyquist 15 Seaton Pl NW	walk
55.	Davin O'Regan 143 T St NW	walk/bike
56.	Adrienne Gory 74 V St NW	walk
57.	Mike Jacobone 68 V St NW	walk/Bike
58.	Ryan Carson 57 S St NW	walk/Bike
59.	Dan White 57 S St NW	walk
60.	Timothy Appel 71 Florida NW	walk
61.	BEN KOONIS 222 RHODE ISLAND NW	WALK
62.	Greg Roberts 39 Seaton Pl NW	walk
63.	VICTOR ROMANIK 61 SEATON PL NW	WALK
64.	Karen Alston 18 R St NE	walk/drive
65.	Alex Nicholson 70 Rhode Island Ave NW	walk
66.	Tee Mentschuk 76 R Street NW	walk
67.	Carlie John 52 Quincy Pl NW 201	walk
68.	Oren Mayi 1940 1st St NW	walk
69.	Andrew Carter 30 R St NW	bike/walk
70.	Abby Kahn 143 T St	bike
71.	Trish Nguyen 1236 10th St NW #6	walk
72.	Gabriel Solner 46 Florida Ave NW	walk
73.	Kabella Piazza 227 FLORIDA AVE NW #3	walk
74.	Marlin Luther King Jr 315 MORRIS ST	bike
75.	CHRIS DAVIS 2012 R St NW	walk/drive
76.	Kendall Nordin 52 O St NW	walk
77.	Fabian Asadun 12 Quincy Pl NW	walk
78.	JANA HADDON 30 R St NW	walk
79.	Michael Dohler 155 W St NW	walk
80.	Matthew Beck 1810 North Capitol St NW	walk

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82.	Soah Ann Lewis	78 2nd NW	walk/bike
83.	Karlynna McArthur	109 10th St NE	drive
84.	Matt Keston	1733 20th St NW	Bike
85.	John Chao	130 1st St NW	WALK
86.	Ali Jost	648 V St N.W. Apt 2	walk
97.	MELBA LOUISE NORMAN	1811 1st STREET NW	WALK
88.	Chris Weaver	30 R Street NW	walk

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	AN LUIS 407 WERNER ST. NW	WALK		
	Stephanie Grebas 2825 BS Wakefield St	drive		
	Michael HENRY 2825 S Wakefield	drive & walk		
92.	Troy Murrell 30 T St NE	walk		
93.	Katie Drew 1702 Summit Pl	bus		
94.	Michael Keegan 36 R St NE	walk		
95.	Thomas Redick	walk		
96.	Willi Gong 413 T St.	walk		
97.	Seth Samelson 413 T St.	walk		
98.	Alex Shett 127 S St, NW	walk		
99.	Jim Tyler 1512 6th St NW	walk		
100.	Kelly Dodge 12 Randolph Pl NW	walk		
101.	Kristen Pranke 130 Sexton Pl NW	walk		
102.	KURT ALBAUGH 1811 First St NW	WALK		
103.	Dave Zkuska 1806 Vermont Ave NW	Drive/Walk		
104.	Trisha Riner 829 Quincy St NW #52	WALK		
105.	Shannon Labrecq 61 Quincy Pl NW	walk		
106.	Mike Krell 1530 1st St NW	walk		
107.	Paula Vining 610 R Street	Walk		
108.	Laure Martin 610 R Street	Walk		
109.	Julia / Leo 1700 Irving St.	Bike		
110.	Nat Deasch 1211 Thomas St NW	WALK		
111.	Frank Crown 419 Werner St NW	walk		
112.	Marta Zemann 9 Randolph Pl. NE	walk		
113.	M Rosen 2018 1st St NW #2	walk		
114.	L. Pettingill 2031 Flagler Pl NW Apt B	walk / bike		
115.	Mike Gronowski 57 Rhode Island Ave NW	walk		
116.	Angela Waffey 113 R St NE Apt 15	walk		
117.	Ed Zippa 82 R Street	walk		
118.	Logan Mance 5 W Street NW	walk		
119.	Michael Brandon 1742 N. Capitol St	walk		
120.	Kim Hodgson 2298 17th St NW	bike		
121.	David McCarty 76 S St NW	WALK		



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122.	Samantha Ziffren	115 Rhode Island Ave NW	walk
123.	Johna Solano	109 R St NW #2	Walk.
124.	Amanda Mattus	43 T St NW	WALK
125.	NATALI FANI	2451 Madison Ave #23 Alexandria, VA 22303	DRIVE
126.	Courtney Burfield	1715 First St NW DC	Walk
127.	John Burfield	1715 First St NW	walk
128.	Ezzat Obaid	527 Florida Ave NW DC	Walk